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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Research and Reports  
FROM: Chief, Geographic Research  
SUBJECT: GRA Activity Report for the Month of June 1959

A. Research and Technical Support Activity

1. The major effort of the Geography Division was directed to the completion of NIS commitments for FY 1959. All deadlines have been met. 25X1

3. The Geography Division contribution to SNIE 11-5-59, Soviet Capabilities in Guided Missiles and Astronautics (G/I 59-39), summarized the extent of the Soviet domestic geodetic and mapping system and the planned completion of the first-order geodetic net in Siberia. The extension of the Soviet net under mutual aid programs and their easy access to freely available geodetic and gravity data of the Free World could evolve into a Soviet world geodetic system. Estimates of Soviet geodetic position capability and their targeting accuracies using available United States maps, were provided.

4. Four members of the Europe Branch, Geography Division, constituted a panel for the presentation on "Maps for Economic Intelligence" for the Satellites Committee, ORR. It is planned that the data prepared be used in an MR article.

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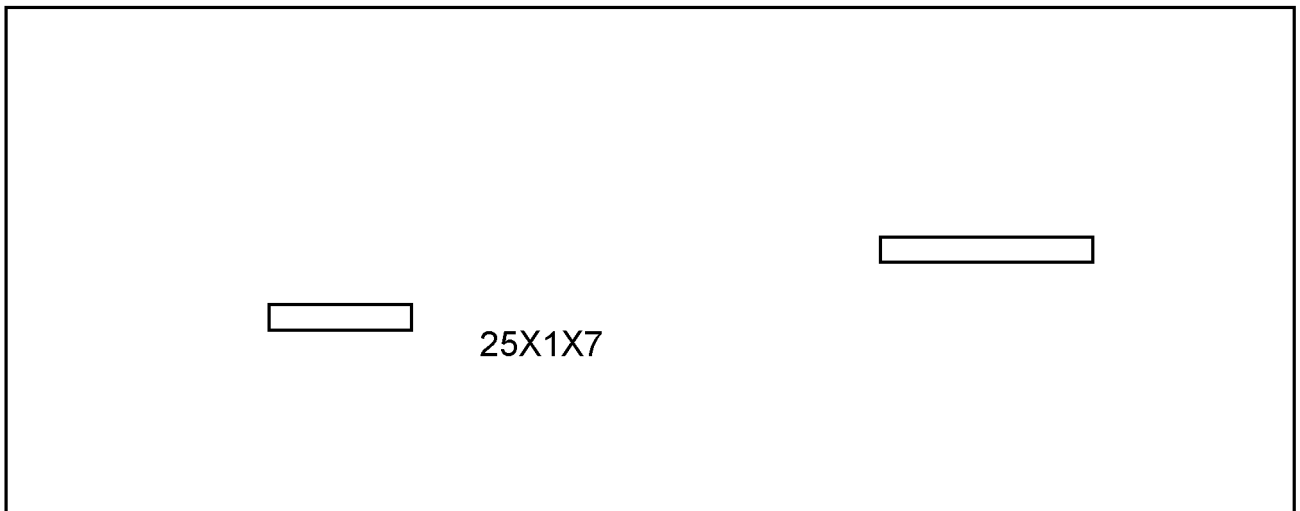
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8. A map on West Africa for NIE 70-59 was completed, as well as three additional maps on Africa for MR 59-2. The Department of State's "Foreign Service Posts in Africa" map was also completed.

9. During June, the Reference Branch, D/GL, serviced a total of 1,267 general map requests and 113 ATMP items. Among maps forwarded in June were: (a) Maps on the St. Lawrence Seaway supplied to Secretary of State Herter and 24 congressmen; (b) Plastic relief maps on South Korea supplied to the Arts and Monuments Adviser of the Department of State's Bureau of Public Affairs for a Departmental cultural exhibit on South Korea; and (c) Maps supplied to the White House in response to several rush requests.

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